

Additionally, my bill would temporarily waive State-operating standards, should those standards be more stringent than the Federal standard. For example, my bill would allow Kansas farmers and truckers to operate their U.S. Department of Transportation compliant trucks in California, a State that otherwise restricts trucks older than 2011 from entering the State, to help relieve the ports and transport goods across this country.

Temporarily waiving State requirements is a small price to pay for a strong supply chain, fully stocked shelves in grocery stores, and employed transportation workers.

Congested ports have far-reaching implications beyond the States in which they exist, and it is unconscionable to let the American people suffer because of the unwillingness to solve a problem that impacts us all.

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IRS OVERREACH

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend the American public from the worst sort of Federal Government overreach, that which involves their private bank accounts.

President Biden's proposal to give the IRS unprecedented access to Americans' bank accounts would pose hefty compliance burdens on community banks and credit unions, hamper the ability for individuals to access capital, and entrench the Federal Government even further into our everyday lives, decaying freedom and eroding personal liberty.

This is wrong for America, and I stand and will continue to stand in opposition to this indefensible and wasteful proposal to invade the privacy of nearly every American.

RECOGNIZING BRYCEN GULICK

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Brycen Gulick for his service to me, my office, and Kansans throughout the Big First District.

During his time in my office, Brycen has shown himself to be kind, creative, and joyful. I most admire his loyalty, always yearning to be a part of our team, and his adaptability and willingness to step outside of his comfort zone.

God continually puts open and closed doors in front of all of us, and the wise man asks God to speak and direct his steps as he walks through life. I am proud to have had Brycen on my team, and I pray that the Lord would help him blossom in his next adventure.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Brycen for his service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Native

American Heritage Month and to honor the 35th anniversary of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, a private nonprofit organization in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition provides community healthcare and services targeting the urban American Indian and Alaska Native population in the greater Omaha metropolitan area, Lincoln area, and Sioux City, Iowa, since 1986. Their rehabilitative healthcare services and their diabetes self-management program are nationally recognized. Currently, they are led by their CEO, Dr. Donna Polk.

Donna Lee Mays was raised by her father after her mother was hit and killed by a drunk driver on Christmas Day in 1949 at the age of 23. Dr. Polk was only 7 years old. Dr. Polk credits her grandmother, Annie Lee Mays, as one of her inspirations because of her spirituality and wisdom.

Dr. Polk firmly believes in having vision and that you have to be able to see how things can be. If you don't, Mr. Speaker, you don't work to effect change.

Between 1972 to 1985, Dr. Polk served as an affirmative action and equal opportunity officer at the State of Nebraska. She volunteered in the Nebraska corrections system for 26 years and starred in her own TV show called "Frankly Female," a show for and about women.

Dr. Polk earned her bachelor's degree in university studies, her master's in counseling psychology, and a doctorate in administration, instruction, and curriculum, all from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In addition, she is a published author. She wrote her book, "Black Men and Women of Nebraska," in 1981 to shine the light on prominent African-American individuals in our State.

She joined the Urban Indian Health Coalition in 1991, running the counseling program for women. She leads a team of over 40 employees that offer services such as inpatient and outpatient substance abuse, transitional living, alcohol and drug recovery, healthcare services, and transportation to their facilities. Dr. Polk takes great pride in the community programs—Project Upstream, the Tired Moccasins Elders Program, and the Elder's Program—which help Native youth and families overcome socioeconomic disparities and provide meals, educational opportunities, and even extracurricular activities for all ages. Dr. Polk is thrilled about the inauguration of their new headquarters scheduled to open in the spring of 2022.

In recognizing the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, we shine a spotlight on 35 years of helping elevate the health status and disparities of urban Indians and other underserved populations in Nebraska and Iowa through education, collaboration, advocacy, and health service delivery.

Congratulations to Dr. Polk and her team for 35 years of excellence and serving our great community.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WILL LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, this infrastructure bill is about two things. This is about putting money in the pockets of the American people who have had a rough go for the last 40 years, and this is about taking on China.

Now, we have seen in the last couple of weeks CEO pay since the 1970s has gone up 1,300 percent. We have seen that 10 percent of the wealthiest people in this country own 90 percent of the stocks. So this bill is about: How do we get money in the pockets of people?

Universal preschool—that is 1 year less of childcare that a family has to pay—that is money in their pockets. Capping childcare at 7 percent of your income, Mr. Speaker, that is money in their pockets. Helping seniors with glasses or hearing aids, that is money in their pockets. A tax cut finally for working people, not for the top 1 percent but for families, that is money in their pockets.

If we don't recognize in this Chamber and down the hall that China is a looming threat—not even looming, they are here.

Semiconductors, they outmanufacture us; electric vehicles, they outmanufacture us; communications equipment, they outmanufacture us; pharmaceuticals, our seniors get their pharmaceuticals from China.

When are we going to wake up? When are we going to have the guts to level the playing field and the guts to take on China and the guts to do what is right so our kids and grandkids can thrive in the United States?

We have to make these investments. We have to make them now. Washington has to wake up, or the next bill we are going to have to pass is Mandarin in all our schools because the game is going to be over.

HONORING DICK ANTOINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dick Antoine, a wonderful man and beloved local radio personality in my hometown of Hot Springs.

Dick served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war, and in 2018, he retired from his daily talk radio program, "Talk of the Town," where he informed and entertained his faithful listeners for 31 years.

Dick is not only known for his insightful interviews and witty commentary but also his leadership. A few of his many projects included the Veterans Memorial of Garland County,